

# MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

## COMMON COUNCIL

### SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

### 6:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

**PRAYER:** Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Student Advisor, Makala Herbert answered roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES:** Bridges made a motion to approve the September 1, 2015 minutes as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilman Berkemeier abstaining from the vote.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Pavey attended the Brownfield conference in conjunction with the grant.
2. Attended an APC/BZA meeting to discuss joint staffing.
3. We had a Stellar review meeting with the State.
4. On the 11<sup>th</sup> we had our first cursory meeting for the layout of the new City Center's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors.
5. Attended an executive meeting for the APC/BZA and reviewed the paperwork required. We created a proposed budget, and discussed the documentation necessary to run the system.
6. Today was the first of the Microsoft classes being attended by the department heads and city hall staff.
7. Attended a county council budget meeting today to propose the APC/BZA joint budget, budget for the animal control, and regional economic development.
8. There will be a meeting with HWC on the 16<sup>th</sup> regarding the pool.
9. The Utility Board will meet tomorrow and initiate the new board member.
10. The 3<sup>rd</sup> session with HCI will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> regarding strategic directions.
11. Will meet on Friday with Martin Riley and the potential tenant.
12. Homecoming activities will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.
13. On Friday there will be dinner at one of the Covered Bridges
14. On the 19<sup>th</sup> we will have the Wilkie Day festivities and the final concert for this year.
15. The next Microsoft classes will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 6<sup>th</sup>.

16. Next Tuesday we will have a budget workshop meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
17. The 4<sup>th</sup> session with HCI will be on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
18. Council members should have received a pool report from the Clerk-Treasurer.
19. The Board of Works will hold an Executive session on October 13<sup>th</sup> regarding evaluation of employees.
20. The retention pond is complete except for the aerator and seeding.
21. The Board of Works reviewed an AIA Contract with Martin Riley.
22. We will smoke the downspout at Grahams due to the drainage issue on 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
23. Farmers Market – We are trying to get it prepared for this weekend. We have removed the unstable fill.

**CLERK-TREASURER’S REPORT** – Copley presented the Emerson Abatement for Personal Property and Real Estate which was submitted last October but somehow failed to get signatures. Bridges made a motion to approve the real estate and personal property abatement for Emerson. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Council President Bridges said questions have been sent to Grant Reeves on the interlocal agreement between the City and County regarding the joint APC/BZA. Bridges said it includes language which holds the City harmless from previous actions.

Bridges also said he has been reviewing fees and policies of other communities for more strict animal quarantine. He will review and forward the information on to the other members.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – The amphitheater committee has a meeting tomorrow.
- **Marketing** – Nothing to report.
- **APC/BZA** – Mayor Pavey handed out a proposed budget for a joint City/County APC/BZA. It is being proposed as a City department. We will need to approve an interlocal agreement and an ordinance. The ordinance will have the City opting out and then opting back in as of January 1st.
- **City Center** – We met last week with the architect.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We will soon begin discussions regarding the drainage process with the County.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

**Police** – Chief Tucker said Council had given him permission to purchase a used vehicle for the narcotics officer’s use in the amount of \$10,000.00, and asked if they would add an additional \$250.00 to that amount. Bridges made a motion to approve the additional \$250.00 for purchase of the vehicle. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller reminded everyone of heavy trash to be picked up the week of September 28<sup>th</sup>.

He said they will begin crack sealing tomorrow.

**Fire** – Chief Jenkins said they are currently advertising for the new hire. They will do the agility testing October 17<sup>th</sup> and the written on October 24<sup>th</sup>. The target hiring date is January 1.

**Park** – Mayor Pavey said Aaron Gurley will begin his duties as the Park Program Director on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Gurley said they had a movie in the park with approximately 225 people in attendance. They also assisted the Milroy community with a movie having approximately 50 attending.

Gurley said they have received 225 surveys for the master plan. They will continue to accept surveys for another week.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Drainage – Trailer Court South of Town** – We are working on an easement issue and are having conversations with Solerno.
2. **16<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage** – Previously discussed.
3. **Flatrock Retention Drainage** – Previously discussed.
4. **Farm Closing** – Newhouse is working on the closing.
5. **Waggoner Pool Study Year-End Closeout** – We are talking to Corey Whitesell regarding our options.
6. **BEP** – Chief Jenkins said bids were accepted last week. Both bids received were very high. He said there is an issue with one property that has a lot of asbestos. We are having discussions on re-testing.

Jenkins said we are ready to start pre-demo surveys on other properties.

We are also working to get replacements on some properties.

7. **Animal Quarantine Fees** – Discussed under Council President's Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **2016 Budget Status** – Council will meet next Tuesday.
2. **APC/BZA Status** – Discussed.
3. **Executive and Capital Planning Retreat** – Meeting dates were discussed. The Mayor and Councilman Smith will meet tomorrow and set a date.

**ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE:**

John McCane said last Friday they had the final walk through for the industrial park. There are some items to work out, but the project is considered complete. They did exceed the completion due date by 59 days. McCane said they are working on landscaping and signage.

**CLAIMS:** Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:** There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.